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THE OCCURRENCE OF A HAWK MOTH, *MANDUCA RUSTICA* (FAB.) IN ABERDEEN. — On 22 September 1983 I was brought a live, but damaged, specimen of *Manduca rustica* (Fab.), which had just been found on a pavement in the dock area of Aberdeen, apparently having been struck by a car. It subsequently died and has now been given to the Royal Scottish Museum, Edinburgh.

It was identified in consultation with E. C. Pelham-Clinton, to whom I am most grateful, and he then took it to the British Museum (Natural History) where A. Hayes confirmed the identity. *M. rustica* is a variable species, with several geographic subspecies, and there is some doubt as to which of these this specimen belongs. It may be *M. r. rustica*, which occurs on the southern mainland of U.S.A. or, perhaps more likely, a subspecies from the Caribbean or from north-east South America. With only one specimen it is not possible to be more precise. Stray insects often reach Aberdeen docks in shipments from abroad, especially of fruit, and it seems probable that this specimen travelled in this way. As far as is known no-one was breeding or keeping exotic Lepidoptera in this area at that time but since large hawk moths are popular insects it can't be discounted that it had been bred and released. — MARK YOUNG, Department of Zoology, Aberdeen University, Tillydrone Avenue, Aberdeen AB9 2TN.